

Appl. No. 09/745,385
Reply to Non-Final OA dated January 12, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In view of the originally pending claims 1-34 and 38-47 (please see the amendments to the claims section above for a discussion regarding claim misnumbering): claims 2-5, 7-11, 13-15, 17-20, 22-24, 26-30, 32-34, 38-43, and 45-46 were amended. Claims 1, 6, 12, 16, 21, 25, 31, and 44 were canceled. Thus claims 2-5, 7-11, 13-15, 17-20, 22-24, 26-30, 32-34, 38-43, and 45-47 remain pending. The claim amendments were made to place the application into condition for allowance. That is, these amendments were made in view of the Office's indication that claims 2-5, 7-10, 13-15, 17-20, 22-24, 26-29, 32-34 and 38-46 would be allowable if re-written in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim. This response so amends the pending claims.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and/or objections to the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

The pending claims are in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested. Should any issue remain that prevents allowance of the application, the Office is encouraged to contact the undersigned prior or issuance of a subsequent Office action.

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